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General Comment

I'm sorry I do not have a copy of the report to reference the specific location of my concern. My concern is the exclusion of "insignificant" waste treatment plants, i.e., those with a output below a certain level. However, 2 or more of these plants can easily exceed the cut-off level and have a significant impact on water quality. It is often the smaller plants that are failing in their treatment process. A lot of resources are devoted to reducing non-point sources of pollution. On the other hand, we know the exact location of the output from the smaller plants and it is technically possible to measure the pollutant, just as in the larger plants. I understand that most of these small plants do not have the resources to monitor their out-flow. It would seem to be a very prudent use of funds to upgrade their monitoring capabilities, since we know the exact location of these potential pollution sources.